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Mohamed Benini with Airdrie-based Ava Cab shows off his new app, Cowboy Taxi. He wants a Calgary bylaw to be relaxed to allow him — and his app — more freedom to operate locally. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Tech-savvy taxis to boost service: Official

Joining forces. The once contentious FastCab app announces partnership with Delta Cab

Calgary's taxi industry is getting in touch with its tech-savvy side and the customer stands to gain the most, says the city's chief livery officer.

Marc Halat said advancements like the new FastCab app, developed by local entrepreneur Jeff Doepker, and similar developments soon to hit the market are the wave of the future.

Doepker's creation allows customers to connect directly with drivers, provide a cash incentive for faster service and track a cab using GPS as it travels to their location.

On Thursday evening, FastCab announced its first partnership with Delta Cab, adding 100 vehicles to its pool.

"It validates what we're trying to do and proves that all the cab companies should be using us instead of fighting us," Doepker said of the agreement.

But FastCab soon won't be alone.

Checker owner Kurt Enders said he was testing out his own app Thursday and hopes to roll it out to his drivers in a few weeks. Checker is also introducing an online cab booking system — the first of its kind in Calgary.

For Halat, the use of such technology is a no-brainer.

"There's nothing wrong (with) this — this is something that's going to benefit consumers, going to benefit the industry," he said. "I think Checker's proven that, by launching their own (app), you have to get with the program, stay with the technical advancements, or you're going to get left behind."

Other brokers outside the city are also eyeing a piece of Calgary's taxi market, which critics have claimed is woefully short on vehicles during peak-demand periods.

Mohamed Benini with Airdrie-based Ava Cab has also recently launched his own app, Cowboy Taxi, for Android phones and will roll it out for the iPhone in the coming weeks.

He wants both it and his seven-vehicle fleet to operate freely within Calgary limits. Currently, out-of-city cabs are able to drop off customers in city limits but prohibited from picking them up — violators can be slapped with a $1,500 fine. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

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Investigation continues

No explosives in suspicious item

The suspicious item that prompted the Calgary Courts Centre to be evacuated and police bomb squad to be deployed Wednesday turned out to not contain any known explosives, according to police.

"We're still investigating," spokesman Kevin Brookwell said Thursday, adding that the item removed from the courthouse contained a battery and wires and "some kind of substance" that had police highly concerned, initially.

Brookwell described it as a "soft, flexible, plasticine-like substance."

The man who brought the item to the court had a non-criminal matter to attend that day, Brookwell said, and was unco-operative with police after being detained and questioned.

The man was released without charges, but Brookwell said "the investigation is far from over."

Brookwell said there was a language barrier as the man spoke an unusual dialect of an African language.

Police Chief Rick Hanson said in a televised interview the suspect "intended to cause the reaction that happened."

"Somebody went to a lot of trouble to put that together," Hanson told Global Calgary. "They knew what they were doing."

The court was back to "normal operations" Thursday, said public affairs officer Wendy McGrath. She said 1,292 provincial court cases were affected by Wednesday's evacuation, as well as 119 civil cases, three criminal trials and 11 civil trial list matters in the Court of Queen's Bench.

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Calgary police Staff Sgt. Steven Drennan, seen addressing the media Thursday, said an FK member believed to be the target of a December murder plan was not "overly surprised" when informed by officers of the plot against him. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Gang members charged in alleged plot to murder rival

FOB gang. Target was sent to jail before murder plot could be carried out: Police

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Police say they thwarted three known Calgary gangsters' plans to kill a rival at a public venue last December.

Some details of the alleged murder plot surfaced Thursday as investigators announced charges against three men. Henry Le Nguyen, 26, Trong Minh Nguyen, 29, and Bryan James Balla, 26, all face charges of conspiracy to commit murder.

All have connections to Calgary's FOB gang.

Staff Sgt. Steven Drennan credited his team for seeing through the months-long investigation and said their efforts have been key in diffusing gang-related threats to the public in recent years.

A feud between the FOB and rival FK gang has been linked to more than 20 murders over the past decade in Calgary.

"We roll the clock back 10 years, we have got certain players that have been in play the whole time," Drennan said. "Many of them are in jail because of our investigations. Some of these last remaining people are still trying to go about their business.... By taking these three players out we have put a major dent in that."

Roland Lahaye, a criminologist and professor at Mount Royal University, said gang members that have repeatedly gone to jail and constantly looked over the shoulders tend to stray from the harsh lifestyle as they enter their mid-30s.

The suspects

- **Truong Nguyen** previously served six years in prison for shooting at FK members in a Calgary mall parking lot.
- **Henry Nguyen** served a federal prison sentence for cocaine possession for the purpose of trafficking.
- **Bryan Balla** was charged in 2011 after police found guns, drugs and bear spray in a southeast Calgary home.

"They mellow out.... The average gangster doesn't even typically live past age 25," he said, adding police tactics to repeatedly get in the face of known gangsters and associates also appear to be paying off.

But Thursday's announcement serves a reminder of the threat still posed by gangs, Drennan said.

An original FOB member, Nicholas Cypui Chan, was treated for stab wounds in hospital last week after being stabbed repeatedly.

As well, a shooting inside Calgary's Basil Ultimate Pho and Fine Vietnamese Cuisine last July is believed to be gang-related. Hai Michael Du, 36, who was attending a birthday party at the restaurant and had no gang connections, was killed in that incident.

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Murder charge. Partner arrested in northwest Calgary stabbing

A man charged in Calgary's latest homicide was in a relationship with the victim, police say.

The body of Kurlan Rick Joseph, 25, was found in a northwest Calgary apartment building early on Wednesday. An autopsy determined he died of stab wounds, Staff Sgt. Grant Miller said.

The accused, Haden Gidel Didier, 29, was found nearby.

"We are not aware of any previous incidents involving these individuals," Miller added.

Safety Under the Rainbow, a collaborative committee of the Calgary Domestic Violence Collective, was quick to suggest that support for people involved in abusive same-sex relationships needs to be better suited to the specific needs of the community.

"It's not unusual for persons in these communities to experience a lack of understanding of the seriousness of the abuse when reporting to a therapist, medical personnel or legal services," said Jane Oxenbury, the group co-chair. "Also, many are very reluctant to come forward due to homophobia and the fear that they will neither be believed by the service providers nor have confidentiality within their own community."

Miller said Didier is cooperating with police. A weapon was also seized at the crime scene, he said.

Joseph is Calgary's seventh homicide victim of 2013.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Court appearance

- Haden Gidel Didier made his first court appearance on Thursday to answer to a charge of second-degree murder.

Clear as mud? The cluster of signs in the inset photo would be replaced by a single-panel design. CONTRIBUTED

City wants feedback on parking signs

Reply on Facebook page. Signs to start rolling out in late 2013, early 2014

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Signs, signs, everywhere are signs, confusing motorists and taking lots of time — park here, don't stop there, can't you read the signs?

Turns out, many drivers can't, especially when four or more are clustered together to outline the varying rules for a particular parking zone at different times of day.

"Sometimes four or even five panels are required, based on all the operational needs of that location," said Calgary Parking Authority manager Troy McLeod.

That's why the city and CPA have been testing a unified approach to signs they hope will be clearer, and they are looking for feedback from the public.

The new single-panel signs list all the rules for a parking zone, from the most restrictive at top to the least restrictive at bottom. Three were installed downtown last fall.

"We're creating larger print and adding some more space so they're easier to read," said Calgary Roads spokesperson Jennifer Thompson-Goldberg.

McLeod said Calgary and Winnipeg were picked as pilot locations for the unified signs in partnership with the Transportation Association of Canada, which is looking to adopt a uniform style across the country for complex parking zones.

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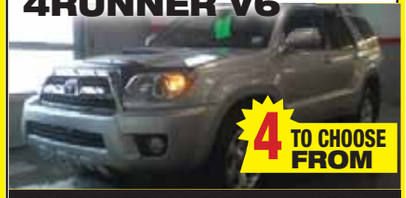

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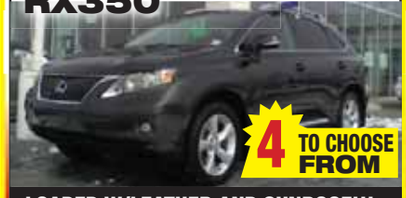

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Play Taxi Media, a Canadian-based media company with a national network of touch screens in taxicabs, surveyed more than 5,700 riders on their movie preference and results showed that 40 per cent of women and 34 per cent of men select comedy as their first choice of movie genre.

Comedy, however, wasn't the only genre that both sexes came closest to agreeing on.

Fourteen per cent of women would choose horror, along with 11 per cent of men. Nine per cent of both sexes selected fantasy.

The dividing line for each sex was between drama and action; 21 per cent of women as opposed to 16 per cent of men would choose drama, with 31 per cent of men versus 15 per cent of women choosing action.

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Before and after

- **Before the theatre.** When selecting which movie to attend, 65 per cent of the audience agreed that viewing a movie trailer is the main driver in deciding to purchase a ticket.
- **After the movie.** After seeing the movie, riders are not done with the experience as 44 per cent said they intend to purchase the BluRay/DVD to add to their collection.

OUR ADDICTION TO TWEETING OVERRIDES COMMON SENSE

IN DEFENCE OF
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Earlier this week, Calgarians went through a fairly shocking and disturbing event, equivalent to the time that Cal Wenzel realized that phones now come with video cameras.

I am, of course, talking about the Calgary Court Centre bomb scare that closed several city blocks and brought downtown transit to a screeching halt. It was Calgary's first real crisis since the evolution of social media and, like that one time it snowed 35 centimetres or the time Will and Kate spent 18 seconds at the Calgary Stampede Parade, it will likely become a story that Calgarians will tell time and time again.

For me, the morning started out like any other. However, since I spend the better part of my day at the city building kitty-corner to the Calgary Court Centre, things quickly changed. When the order came to evacuate, I did exactly that. After all, years of watching Flashpoint taught me that, in times of crisis, you don't stick around to tweet a photo or figure out how Vine works — you get the heck out of Dodge. In my case, I sought refuge in the safety of a Kensington café. (Someday, someone remind me to write a column about how many people hang out at coffee shops during the middle of a workday.)

Should've been sippin' lattes with me

While I sipped my latte, I followed the Twitter feed and was astonished at how many Calgarians were dangerously close to the action and were tweeting about it. I'm going to assume these newly created citizen journalists weren't wearing bomb-proof suits, so why were so many people hanging around?

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Look, I like being in the action with the best of them. But I like taking photos during storms or chuckwagon races, not situations when a Johnny Five-like robot is called in to dispose of a suspicious package. There's not an Instagram filter in the world that's worth being that close to the action. Unless you're literally being paid to be there, you should have been sipping lattes with me.

Maybe I would understand if the Calgary Police were keeping mum about the details and weren't communicating with the public. But the police did an astonishing job of sharing up-to-the-minute information via their Twitter and YouTube accounts. These steps were crucial because, as we saw in Boston, wrong information spreads dangerously fast on the Internet and can inevitably put more people in danger.

The way police handled the situation proved that they were ready for anything, which, as the world turns its attention to Calgary and particularly our love of oil, is comforting.

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Yes. Calgary teachers ratify four-year deal

Calgary teachers voted on Thursday evening in favour of a deal that will see their salaries frozen for three years, but it comes with pledges regarding working hours and provides avenues to raise grievances with a third-party group.

But Frank Bruseker, a local president with the Alberta Teachers' Association, said no one who cast a vote — a final margin for and against the deal was not released — was "jumping for joy," and some offered support just to spite the Calgary Board of Education.

"This is an election year for school boards — there will be an election for school-board trustees — and the public may be asking themselves the question, too, 'Is this the group of trustees we want to have back in for, well, now it's going to be four years,' " Bruseker said.

The CBE has voted against the contract amid concerns about hidden costs and the creation of a third-party executive committee that could overrule decisions by principals and administrators.

CBE trustee chair Pat Cochrane could not be reached on her cellphone Thursday evening.

The ATA local in St. Albert is the only chapter to vote against the contract so far, Bruseker said, adding 14 others still have to weigh in.

The final deadline to vote on the contract is May 13. The deal does specify unanimous support is needed for it to be approved, but the province has not been clear on whether it will stick to that provision.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Some holdouts

The province said earlier on Thursday that 48 school boards have offered support for the deal — 42 had formally voted it through. Six others, including the Calgary Board of Education, have expressed concern.

Giddyup for some grub

Double bacon-wrapped corndogs will among the new treats at the Calgary Stampede this year. COURTESY CALGARY STAMPEDE

New Stampede eats.
Many of the 31 new items are wrapped in bacon and deep-fried

Deep-fried butter, double bacon-wrapped corndogs and even an egg roll on a stick are some of the new heavy-hitting items announced for the 2013 Calgary Stampede.

Hungry Stampede-goers will also be able to tuck in to double-smoked bacon-wrapped cheese pierogi skewers and chocolate-dipped jalapenos.

Midway operations manager James Radke said the Stampede tries to bring in new products every year and selections such as deep-fried butter are no different.

"I don't think we've gone too far yet," he said. "If you eat deep-fried butter every day, probably (that's taking it too far), but if you come down and experience brand new things and have a good time and realize you're going back to your real life for 355 days of the year, I don't think there's a problem."

Yum! Food trucks

The Stampede will also welcome 18 food trucks to the grounds this year for the first time. The Stampede Food Truck Rally runs from July 11 to 13.

- To see the full list of new items, visit metronews.ca
- For more on healthy eating, visit heartandstroke.com.

Stampede-goer James Duce said he indulges in midway food every year, but will probably skip the deep-fried butter.

"A lot of them, I'm dying to try and there's a few that are, not so much," he said.

Anything deep-fried, be it butter or otherwise, can lead to health problems, the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Alberta's Ev Glasser said, but it all comes down to individual choice. "The more that you eat unhealthy, it's cumulative, it adds up to greater risk."

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"We have 20 or 30 new breweries, some of which have never been in Canada before," said Robinson.

"We have brew masters flying in from six different countries."

Robinson said the festival offers a great chance to not only sample new beers, but also learn about what goes in to making beer.

"The first thing you should do is head to the information booth," he said, adding local home brewers the Cowtown Yeast Wranglers will be on hand to help educate drinkers.

"They're the biggest beer nerds in the world and they're proud of it."

Robinson promises that even those who aren't regular beer drinkers will find something to enjoy from coolers to ciders.

"With over 425 kinds of beer, they're going to find one they're going to like."

Beerfest runs May 3 from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. and May 4 from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. in halls D and E at the BMO Centre.

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Investigation. Some jail guards who took part in strike may be disciplined

The Alberta government is suggesting it may discipline some jail guards who took part in an illegal strike.

Deputy solicitor general Tim Grant says there's a report that some guards who left their posts at the new Edmonton Remand Centre when the strike began last Friday may have put inmates, managers and other guards in danger.

"This incident will be investigated and dealt with appropriately," Grant wrote in a statement released Thursday.

Grant, a former Canadian Forces major-general who commanded troops in Afghanistan, did not say what "appropriately" means.

He said it is not the government's intention to seek retribution against guards who "just participated in the illegal strike."

Grant said he met with guards at the new $580-million facility twice on Wednesday to discuss what he called issues of concern and was to meet with staff again Thursday.

The Alberta Union of Provincial Employees said the threat of discipline breaks a promise of amnesty the government made that helped end the almost five-day strike at 10 correctional facilities across the province. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Union president Guy Smith said he will be filing a complaint with the Alberta Labour Relations Board.

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Emergencies. Disaster Alley fun for the whole family

Emergency responders and planners are inviting Calgarians of all ages to the fourth annual Disaster Alley educational showcase on Sunday.

"This is a family and a free event," said Len MacCharles, deputy chief of the Calgary Emergency Management Agency. "One of the reasons we moved it from the Fire Department training academy to McMahon Stadium was that so it was more family-friendly and you can take the C-Train right there."

The event gives the public a chance to meet police officers, firefighters, EMS workers and a wide range of others involved in preventing and responding to emergency situations.

"We expect HAWCS (the police helicopter unit) and STARS (air ambulance) to make an appearance, if they're able to," MacCharles said.

But it's not just about learning how the professionals handle emergency situations. Disaster Alley is also about teaching the public how to prepare to take care of themselves, should worse come to worst.

"We'll be promoting the building of a 72-hour preparedness kit," MacCharles said. "We'll be handing out a basic checklist of things that people should pull together and have in advance."

Disaster Alley takes place in the east parking lot of McMahon Stadium on Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Who depends on you for 72?

In the event of a major disaster, officials recommend being prepared to take care of yourself and family for 72 hours, as electricity, natural gas, water service, and transportation could be disrupted.

- Officials also recommend keeping copies of important documents such as passport, banking and insurance information in a separate location, in case the originals in your home are lost or destroyed.

Politics. Nenshi uses notorious builders' video to get donations

Mayor Naheed Nenshi is looking to turn the now-infamous video of Calgary home-builders apparently plotting to pump funds toward industry-friendly council candidates to his own financial advantage.

"Help us fight for Calgary during this campaign and stand up to those who are pursuing their own interests over what is best for us all," reads an email to supporters from Brian Thiessen, fundraising chair for Nenshi's 2013 campaign.

"Donate today — as little as $5 will help make a difference."

The email contains a link to the video, a statement that the people in the video "certainly don't represent the industry as a whole," and an outline of Nenshi's campaign-finance reform proposal.

Mount Royal University political analyst Duane Bratt said he's not surprised Nenshi is using the incident to solicit donations.

"This is common political practice," he said. "It's just another tool to raise money to say, 'There are groups trying to defeat me, please send me money.'"

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Dear Friends,
Last week, Global Calgary released a video that appears to outline a plan by a small number of people to gain control of City Council and their efforts to elect a Council that will vote in their interests. More surprising, the people in the video seem to indicate that they are specifically trying to elect a Council that will thwart the Mayor's agenda -- your agenda for a Calgary that's even better. Although the key players in the video are from the home-building industry, Mayor Nenshi knows, and he wants you to know, that these individuals certainly don't represent the industry as a whole.

A screenshot of the campaign email that has been circulating online. SCREENSHOT

Awards. Calgary Parks, Sled Island and other downtown heroes

Calgary's Downtown Association recognized those who have made a substantial positive contributions to life in the city's core, with its annual Vitality Awards.

The recipients of this year's awards go to: City of Calgary Parks, 8th Avenue Place, Centre City Implementation Team, Sled Island and Alberta Bike Swap, SAIT, the Bar None Initiative, MRU Criminology Class for their busker piano, the Calgary Stampede, Nuit Blanche and Theatre Calgary.

According to the Calgary Downtown Association, "The recipients help to meet the CDA's mission to champion a vital, prosperous, attractive and livable downtown community for everyone to enjoy."

The awards were presented at the CDA's annual general meeting held Wednesday.

The CDA represents 3,000 businesses in a 120-block area and is composed of over 50 million square feet of business space in downtown Calgary. METRO

$3.5 million for cSPACE

Arts hub gets big provincial boost

A day after announcing millions for Calgary schools, the province doled out another $3.5 million to a local arts infrastructure project.

cSPACE, described as an arts hub and incubator at the former King Edward School, will benefit from the cash infusion, which represents 11 per cent of the project's $31-million budget.

"The Province of Alberta has been an early supporter of the project, providing critical seed funding during our feasibility stage," said Reid Henry, president and CEO of cSPACE. METRO

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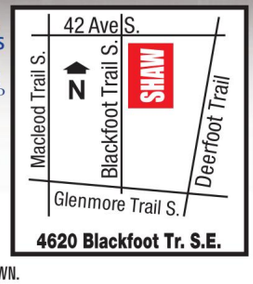

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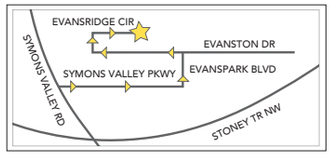

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Cancer drug Avastin linked to flesh-eating disease

Necrotizing fasciitis. Health Canada issues a warning after two Canadian cases, one of which was fatal

Health Canada is warning that the cancer drug Avastin has been linked in rare cases to necrotizing fasciitis, the fast-moving bacterial infection also known as flesh-eating disease.

Two Canadians taking Avastin developed necrotizing fasciitis and one of them died, the federal department said Thursday in a warning issued in conjunction with the drug's manufacturer, Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration published a similar warning in mid-March, indicating that cases of the tissue-destroying infection have mainly been seen in people with wound-healing complications or certain internal bleeding conditions.

A vial of the cancer drug Avastin. GENENTECH/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

A safety review of the drug by Roche identified 52 cases of necrotizing fasciitis reported worldwide between November 1997 and September 2012; 17 of them were fatal, including the one Canadian.

The cases occurred in patients treated with Avastin for several types of cancer. About two-thirds were being treated for colorectal cancer; 21 of the patients had gastrointestinal perforation, fistula formation or wound-healing complications that preceded the onset of the often deadly infection.

All patients were receiving additional chemotherapies and some had no other risk factors, the company said.

In Canada, Avastin is primarily used to treat colorectal cancer that has metastasized, or spread, said Dr. Malcolm Moore, a medical oncologist at the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre in Toronto. It can also be used to treat metastatic lung cancer, ovarian tumours and the brain cancer glioblastoma.

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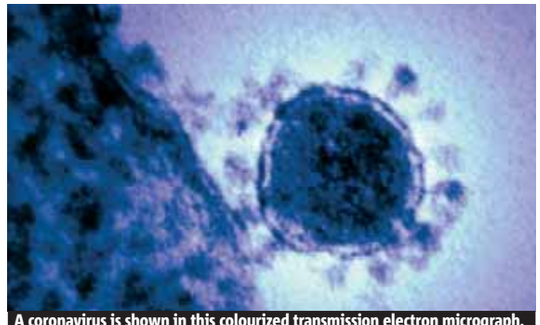
Coronavirus. Five deaths in seven new cases reported by Saudi Arabia

The World Health Organization would like more and quicker information about new coronaviruses cases, the organization's head of infectious diseases said Thursday after Saudi Arabia surprised the world with the news it had found seven more coronavirus infections.

The Saudi ministry of health revealed late Wednesday that it had diagnosed the new cases, which bring the global case count to 24. Five of the new seven cases had died by the time the Saudi government told the World Health Organization that additional cases had been found.

Though the majority of the total cases — 16 of which have been fatal — have come from Saudi Arabia, the Saudi government has been very closed-mouthed about the outbreak. THE CANADIAN PRESS



A coronavirus is shown in this colourized transmission electron micrograph. Saudi Arabia revealed that it has recorded seven new cases of the infection recently, and five of the people are already dead. THE CANADIAN PRESS/HANDOUT

China

2 girls killed by poison yogurt over school rivalry

Chinese state media say two girls have died after eating poisoned yogurt placed outside their kindergarten at the direction of the head of a rival school.

The Xinhua News Agency says police believe the poisoning was motivated by competition for students between the schools.

It says a woman confessed that she injected the yogurt with rat poison and asked a man to place it with notebooks on the road to the rival kindergarten in Pingshan county in Hebei province.

Xinhua said Thursday that the girls' grandmother found the books and yogurt and took them home on April 24. The children suffered convulsions after drinking the yogurt and died later.

Xinhua said police detained the woman and the man.

In this artist's rendering provided by BAE Systems, a Taranis aircraft is shown. A new United Nations draft report posted online this week objects to the use of weapons systems like the Taranis that can attack targets without any human input. BAE SYSTEMS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Power of life and death' not for robots: UN report

Lethal. Professor calls for a moratorium on all killer machines until rules can be developed for their use

Killer robots that can attack targets without any human input "should not have the power of life and death over human beings," a new UN report says.

The report for the UN Human Rights Commission posted online this week deals with legal and philosophical issues involved in giving robots lethal powers over humans.

Report author Christof Heyns, a South African professor of human rights law, calls for a worldwide moratorium on the "testing, production, assembly, transfer, acquisition, deployment and use" of killer robots until rules can be developed for their use.

His findings are due to be debated at the Human Rights Council in Geneva on May 29.

According to the report, the United States, Britain, Israel, South Korea and Japan have developed various types of fully or semi-autonomous weapons.

In the report, Heyns focuses on a new generation of weapons that choose their targets and execute them. He calls them "lethal autonomous robotics," or LARs for short, and says: "Decisions over life and death in armed conflict may require compassion and intuition. Humans — while they are fallible — at least might possess these qualities, whereas robots definitely do not."

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'Culture of secrecy.' Free-speech group gives federal government a D-minus

A test project that allows requests for information to be made online is among a few positive developments that have lifted the federal government's overall transparency performance to a barely passing grade, according to a new report by a free-speech advocacy group.

At the same time, the report by Canadian Journalists for Free Expression takes aim at the Conservative government for its "culture of secrecy" as epitomized by the muzzling of federal scientists.

"There are good reasons to go even lower than last year's failing F," states the Review of Free Expression Canada, released ahead of Friday's World Press Freedom Day. "But rather than repeating this dismal year, we hope the federal government will heed the many voices calling for change."

Overall, the group's 2012-2013 report gives the federal government a D-minus.

Information Commissioner of Canada Suzanne Legault
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Among signs of hope, the report points to government plans to make summaries of completed access to information requests searchable across all departments and a push by Information Commissioner Suzanne Legault to update the act.

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Controlling the message

Report: Feds 'muzzling scientists'

The report is especially scathing of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans — it gets an F — for "its zeal in muzzling scientists, controlling its message and keeping critical information away from the public."

In a statement Thursday, Matthew Conway, spokesman for Treasury Board President Tony Clement, said communications guidelines for scientists have not changed in more than a decade.

"Government scientists and experts are readily available to share their research with the media and the public," Conway said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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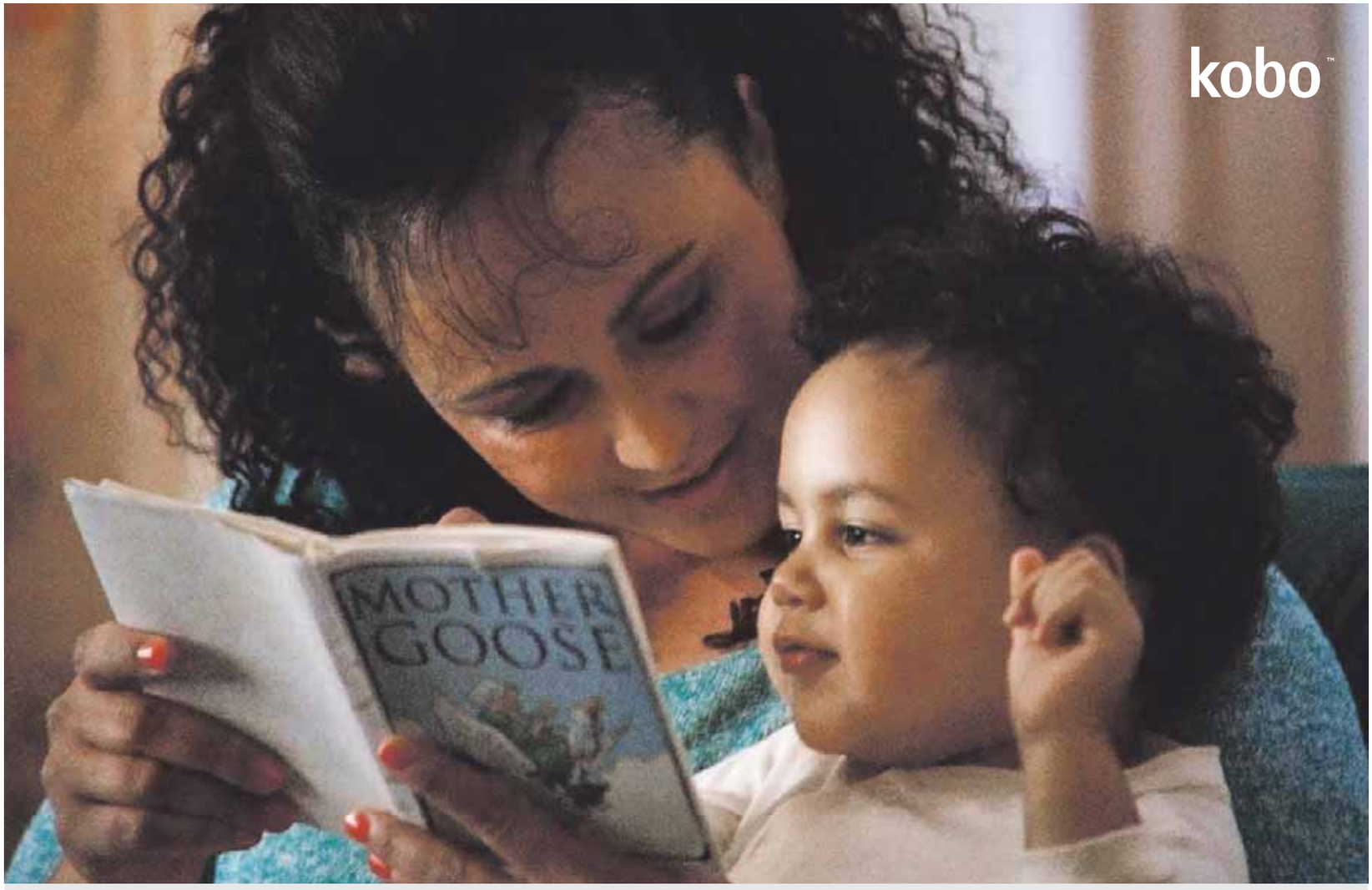

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133,000 kids under 5 died in famine

Somalia. New study attributes total of nearly 260,000 deaths to militant food ban, slow aid response in 2011

Hunger crisis

"These deaths could and should have been prevented."
Senait Gebregziabher of Oxfam

In this July 2011 photo, a woman sits with her child at a local hospital to receive treatment for malnutrition at the border town of Dadaab, Kenya. A report released Thursday by two U.S. government-funded famine and food agencies gives the highest death toll yet from Somalia's 2011 famine, estimating that 260,000 people died — more than double previous estimates. SCHALK VAN ZUYDAM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

A decision by extremist Islamic militants to ban delivery of food aid and a "normalization of crisis" that numbed international donors to unfolding disaster made south-central Somalia the most dangerous place in the world to be a child in 2011.

The first in-depth study of famine deaths in Somalia in 2011 was released Thursday, and it estimates that 133,000 children under age five died, with child death rates approaching 20 per cent in some communities.

That's 133,000 under-five child deaths out of an estimated 6.5 million people in south-central Somalia. That compares to 65,000 under-five deaths that occurred in all industrial countries in the world combined during the same period, a population of 990 million, said Chris Hillbruner, a senior food-security adviser at FEWS NET, a U.S.-sponsored famine-warning agency.

FEWS NET was one of two food-security agencies that sponsored the study. The other was the Food Security and Nutrition Analysis Unit–Somalia. The two agencies had warned the world as early as fall 2010 that failed rains in Somalia meant a hunger crisis was approaching.

"The world was too slow to respond to stark warnings of drought, exacerbated by conflict in Somalia, and people paid with their lives," said Senait Gebregziabher, the Somalia director for the aid group Oxfam.

The new study put the total number of famine deaths at nearly 260,000.

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$2-million reward. Cop killer the first woman on FBI's most-wanted list

The FBI has made the fugitive member of a black militant group convicted of murdering a U.S. state trooper, now living in Cuba, the first woman on its list of most wanted terrorists.

The reward for the capture and return of Joanne Chesimard, now living as Assata Shakur, was doubled to $2 million on Thursday, the 40th anniversary of the bloody gun battle.

"She continues to flaunt her freedom in the face of this horrific crime," New Jersey State Police Superintendent Col. Rick Fuentes said at a news conference.

The U.S. Justice Department has offered a $1-million reward for information leading to her capture. The additional money is being put up by the state of New Jersey.

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Kosovo

New suspects investigated in organ-trafficking probe: EU

A European Union prosecutor in Kosovo says a new probe into illegal organ trafficking has begun just days after five people were found guilty of running a criminal ring that lured poor people from Eastern Europe into selling their kidneys to rich recipients.

Prosecutor Jonathan Ratel said Thursday that evidence emerged during the trial of seven citizens, five of whom were convicted this week of performing 24 illegal kidney transplants in a private clinic. He said there could be more suspects.

Urologist Lutfi Dervishi was sentenced Monday to eight years in prison and his son Arban Dervishi received seven years and three months in prison. A third defendant, Sokol Hajdini, was sentenced to three years. Two other people received suspended sentences and two were freed.

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Firing squad. Papua New Guinea premier seeking nation's first executions

Following a number of high-profile killings related to sorcery, Papua New Guinea's government is pushing for the South Pacific nation's first execution and says firing squads would be a humane and inexpensive method.

Papua New Guinea's laws allow for the death penalty and about 10 condemned inmates are currently in prison there, but the country was a colony of its neighbour Australia when the last prisoner was executed — by hanging — in 1954.

Prime Minister Peter O'Neill said on Wednesday that legislation will be introduced when Parliament resumes in two weeks.

In February, a mob stripped, tortured and bound a woman accused of witchcraft, then burned her alive in front of hundreds. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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You do have the right to appeal the Order within 30 days from the date the Order is made.

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U.K.'s purveyor of fake bomb detectors jailed

Former police officer James McCormick. YUI MOK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Old Bailey. Former cop James McCormick given 10 years for selling useless 'bomb detectors'; made $77.8 million from sales

A British judge on Thursday sentenced a businessman who sold fake bomb detectors to 10 years in jail, saying the millionaire had shown a cavalier disregard for potentially fatal consequences.

James McCormick made an estimated $77.8 million from the sales of his non-working detectors — which were based on a novelty golf-ball finder — to countries including Iraq, Belgium, Niger and Saudi Arabia.

McCormick, 57, was convicted of three counts of fraud last month and sentenced at the Old Bailey court in London, where Judge Richard Hone called his profits from a "callous confidence trick" obscene and outrageous.

"Your fraudulent conduct in selling so many useless devices for simply enormous profit promoted a false sense of security and in all probability materially contributed to causing death and injury to innocent individuals," Hone told McCormick.

"You have neither insight, shame or any sense of remorse."

Prosecutor Richard Whittam said the devices, which sold for up to $42,000 each, claimed to be able to find explosives and drugs under water and from the air. He said they "lacked any grounding in science." McCormick was a former policeman and salesman.

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Baby Lucifer? Well, not in New Zealand anyway

New Zealand. There are 77 names on the no-go list in Kiwiland including: Justice, Anal, Messiah, Christ and King

Baby Princess? Not in New Zealand.
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Parents don't really want their child named "Lucifer," do they?

Well, four sets of parents tried in New Zealand, and they have been blocked.

That country has put forward its list of baby names rejected by the Department of Internal Affairs, which is the agency that signs off on baby names. No, you cannot call you child "Lucifer," or "Justice," or "Anal."

The name that was rejected the most was "Justice." It was turned down 62 times.

Names with numbers were also on the no-go list.

The full list contained 77 names that were turned down because either they were offensive or implied an official title or rank.

For example, "Princess," and "King" never had a chance. Also shot down were parents who wanted to grace their child with the name "Messiah." That happened twice. In Canada, there is no federal government list of "approved" names, but there are some provincial rules. In Quebec, names that could cause ridicule or difficulty in translation can be flagged.

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Factory collapse. Loblaw to audit structural integrity of suppliers' buildings

Loblaw says it will continue manufacturing Joe Fresh clothing in Bangladesh and also take new steps to ensure the structural integrity of supplier factories in the wake of a building collapse that killed more than 400 people.

"We must do a better job to enforce the safety of workers producing our products in Bangladesh and around the world," Joe Mimran, who founded the Joe Fresh brand, said Thursday before Loblaw's annual meeting.

One of the factories in the building produced Joe items, but numerous other clothing makers were also in the complex. "I'm very troubled," said Galen Weston, executive chairman of Loblaw. "I'm troubled by the deafening silence from other apparel retailers on this."

Loblaw said its standards were designed to ensure that products are manufactured in a socially responsible way, but they did not address the issue of building construction or integrity. Still, the company didn't wash its hands of the problems.

In the past, Loblaws executives visited Bangladesh every six months to keep tabs on worker safety at the 47 local factories that produce Joe Fresh clothes. An international auditing firm would visit each year, Mimran explained. Now, Loblaw plans to station an employee in Bangladesh to oversee sourcing on a daily basis, Mimran added.

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"We must do a better job to enforce the safety of workers producing our products."

Joe Mimran, who founded the clothing brand Joe Fresh

House hunting study

Homebuyers find love at first sight

Looking for a perfect home can be an emotional roller-coaster, but a new study suggests finding the right property often comes down to love at first sight.

In its report titled Psychology of House Hunting, the Bank of Montreal found 80 per cent of prospective homebuyers know if a house is the right one for them the moment they step inside.

However, it's usually a long journey before they get to that point. The study found that on average, house hunters visit 10 homes before they decide to buy a home, while 68 per cent say they're willing to settle for a property that's not "perfect."

Thirty-three per cent say they feel rushed into making a purchase, with that figure rising to 39 per cent among first-time homebuyers. The survey was conducted by Pollara using online interviews with a sample of 2,000 Canadians.

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Joanna Griffiths, founder and CEO of Knix Wear holds a pair of lacy underwear, which are part of her new Knix Wear product line. Knix Wear makes seamless basics, lace thongs and boyshorts that target the "one in three women that experience the occasional light leak." TARA WALTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Undies entrepreneur targets new mothers

Bottom line. Knix Wear products are designed for women with light incontinence

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"We're trying to make something that's discreet and also fashionable."

Knix Wear founder and CEO Joanna Griffiths

After years of plotting to change the underwear world, Joanna Griffiths is setting out to make 25,000 pairs of panties.

The difference between most other intimates and Knix Wear Inc., from seamless basics to lace thongs, is in the fabric.

Toronto-based Griffiths is targeting new moms and others, who she says make up one third of women experiencing stress incontinence, a "light leak" when they exercise, sneeze or laugh.

The fabric inside the legs is absorbent and anti-microbial without appearing any different from ordinary underwear.

"We really should have better underwear solutions that work with women," said Griffiths, 29, ahead of launching Thursday on crowd-funding platform indiegogo.com.

"We're trying to make something that's discreet and also fashionable."

Through pre-orders and contributions, she hopes to raise $40,000 in 30 days to help fund her first batch. The underwear will retail for between $28 and $38 per pair. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Economist Stephen Poloz named new BoC governor

Central bank surprise. Flaherty passes over heir apparent as he announces replacement for outgoing governor Mark Carney

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty has once again named an outsider to take over the critical economic and financial post of Bank of Canada governor, bypassing the institution's traditional chain of command.

The appointment of Export Development Canada chief executive Stephen Poloz, 57, was a mild surprise when it finally came on Thursday afternoon, but would have been regarded as a shocker a few months ago.

Until speculation began to build about the long time it was taking to name a successor for the departing Mark Carney, most markets and economists were convinced the job would go to the bank's second-in-command, Tiff Macklem.

Still, markets — counting on Macklem getting the job to maintain continuity in monetary policy — had a mildly negative reaction to the news, pushing the Canadian dollar 0.2 per cent lower to 99 cents US in after-market trading.

Analysts offered reactions ranging from "mild" to "huge" surprise, and offered several explanations for the choice, including Poloz's superior private-sector experience.

Flaherty refused to compare candidates, but said after an exhaustive search and a "wealth of talent to choose from," Poloz, 57, emerged as an "excellent choice to lead the Bank of Canada into the future."

He cited Poloz's management experience running EDC, an organization of similar size to the Bank of Canada, adding that his position with the agency also brought him in direct working relation with Canada's corporate sector.

Carney, who is leaving to take over the top job at the Bank of England, also praised his successor.

"It is much easier to leave knowing that an individual as competent and talented as Steve will be coming back to the bank to take over," Carney said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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"Who said that central banking was boring? The choice of Stephen Poloz ... is a huge surprise."

CIBC in a note to clients

Stephen Poloz looks on after being named the next governor of the Bank of Canada on Thursday at a news conference in Ottawa. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Triclosan. Safety of soap ingredient under review — after being sold for decades

It's a chemical that's been in North American households for more than 40 years, from the body wash in your bathroom shower to the knives on your kitchen counter to the bedding in your baby's basinet.

But U.S. federal health regulators are just now deciding whether triclosan — the germ-killing ingredient found in an estimated 75 per cent of antibacterial liquid soaps and body washes sold in the U.S. — is ineffective or, worse, harmful.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is planning to deliver a review this year of whether triclosan is safe.

The ruling, which will determine whether triclosan will continue to be used in household cleaners, could have implications for a $1-billion US industry that includes hundreds of antibacterial products from toothpaste to toys.

The review comes amid growing pressure from lawmakers, consumer advocates and others who are concerned about the safety of triclosan. Recent studies of triclosan in animals have led scientists to worry that it could increase the risk of infertility, early puberty and other hormone-related problems in humans.

"To me it looks like the risks outweigh any benefit associated with these products right now," said Allison Aiello, professor at the University of Michigan's School of Public Health. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Never-approved chemicals

- The concerns over triclosan offer a sobering glimpse at a little-known fact: Many chemicals used in everyday household products have never been formally approved by U.S. health regulators.
- That's because many germ-killing chemicals were developed decades ago before there were laws requiring scientific review of cleaning ingredients.

U.S. federal health regulators are reviewing the safety of triclosan, an ingredient found in about 75 per cent of antibacterial soaps and body washes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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Greenhouse gases

Consensus on cutting emissions is close: Think-tank

An independent sustainable development think-tank says Alberta, Ottawa and the oil and gas industry are close to reaching a meaningful consensus on how to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The Winnipeg-based International Institute for Sustainable Development has crunched the numbers of a range of proposals on the table.

Vice-president Dave Sawyer says the so-called 40-and-40 proposal that has been floated by the Alberta government is probably the best option, as long as it is modified so that it has a two-tier price for compliance. But the scheme would still not take Canada all the way to meeting its international obligations by 2020. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Edmonton

Petro-Canada stations run dry as refinery is repaired

Some Petro-Canada stations are running out of gasoline because of repairs taking place at a refinery in Edmonton.

Gasoline-producing units at the Edmonton refinery were supposed to keep running during a period of planned maintenance work, which began about a month ago.

But during routine inspections, Petro-Canada discovered that repairs needed to be done and the gasoline units were taken out of service temporarily.

"So as a result, we have had to stop providing gasoline to some of our stations in Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan," said Nicole Fisher, a spokeswoman for Suncor Energy Inc., the oil giant that owns the Petro-Canada stations and refineries.

"We understand that this is an inconvenience to our customers and we're working really hard to minimize the impact."

In the meantime, she said Suncor is bringing in additional gasoline from elsewhere by truck and rail and sourcing it from other companies. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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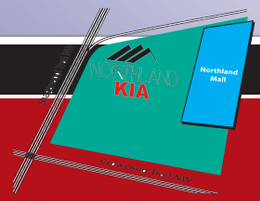

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1 Ricky Romero. Romero, the former ace of the Toronto Blue Jays who was left with the Class A Dunedin Blue Jays after spring training to correct his delivery, is already back in the majors. With the Jays floundering and starter Josh Johnson injured, Romero is pitching Friday against Seattle. The panic button was pressed.

2 CBC open house. CBC headquarters in Toronto is opening its doors for free May 16-19 to feature the Canada Lives Here Experience, a larger-than-life exhibit that looks at the Canadian experience through the CBC lens. Take the tour and get to meet some of your fave CBC personalities in Q-and-A sessions. Visit Canadaliveshere.ca to learn more.

3 Amanda Knox. In an absolutely riveting hour of TV on ABC Tuesday night that 8.5 million viewers watched, Diane Sawyer asked probing questions that often left the viewer with more questions than answers about the case. What the interview *did* definitely confirm is that Sawyer is a pro, one of the best interviewers anywhere.

4 The Darkroom Project. This publicly accessible, analog darkroom is housed in Canada's longest operating photography studio (it began in 1856) at the historic Roy Studio building in Peterborough, Ont. It's run by a group of local photographers who want to revive the historic darkroom and make it a world-class centre for the production of handmade images. Find out more about a piece of Canadian history at TheDarkRoomProject.ca.

5 Consumed. This new book by Canadian author Sarah Elton provides a thoughtful, inspiring look at the future of food on our planet in the face of climate change and population growth. Food-sustainability issues have never been more pertinent, and Elton travels the planet — from rural India to Detroit (yes, Detroit) — to find unique forms of modern agriculture in development. Consumed: Food for a Finite Planet may well change how you view, and consume, food. A must read.

6 You Move Me. Canadian entrepreneur Brian Scudamore's 1-800-GOT-JUNK made picking up junk sexy, and his new company, You Move Me, could do the same for moving. Trying to reinvent the moving industry, it promises "to move people, not just their boxes." This includes complimentary morning coffees, a houseplant as a post-move gift, no-charge assembly and disassembly, and a wardrobe box that doubles as a kids' fort! Now that's customer service.

7 Birdees sex-ed app. Are you worried about what happens if your child walks in when you and your spouse are "under the sheets making hay"? And what are you going to say when your child asks, "How are babies made?" No worries, there's an app for that! Yes, Vancouver-based Mary Roka and Jen Weidemann's Birdees app provides an innovative way to turn sex ed into a game, delivering quick answers to the toughest questions parents might get.

8 Leafs Nation. They had waited nine years for a playoff game, but all the Leafs gave Leafs Nation was a headache Wednesday night with their stinker — losing 4-1 to Boston. Maple Leafs head coach Randy Carlyle put it best, saying his team "self-destructed." They'd better get their act together for Game 2 in Boston Saturday night. A nation will be watching. Go, Leafs, go.

9 WestJet. I flew with WestJet to Orlando last weekend, and was blown away by their WestJet Cares for Kids program for Make-A-Wish Canada. We witnessed kids with life-threatening medical conditions who were treated like royalty on the plane by stewardesses with big hearts and smiles. And then they got to go to Disney World. Further proof these acts of kindness make a world of difference.

10 The Daily Show with ... It was revealed this week The Daily Show with Jon Stewart will be The Daily Show with John Oliver — at least for the summer. Seems Stewart is taking a hiatus to direct his first movie, Rosewater, Comedy Central announced. If things don't work out with Oliver, a correspondent on the show, The Daily Show with Neil Morton sounds like a gem.

11 Warren Buffett tweets. Warren Buffett, at 82 years old, joined the Twitterverse Thursday with a cool tweet, "Warren is in the house," from his @WarrenBuffett handle. Buffett hit 140,000 followers in three hours after that single tweet — and the billionaire now has the second-richest verified personal account behind Bill Gates. Here's hoping he'll tweet financial advice to the rest of us — how to pay off your house, perhaps?

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ZOOM

Green and yellow water in White Sea

FRANCO BANFI/SOLENT

Divers take a dip in icy emerald sea

Braving sub-zero conditions, eerie light overhead and perilous darkness below, two scuba divers explore a mysterious but extraordinary underwater world beneath layers of ice. This fascinating picture taken by photographer Franco Banfi reveals what lies beneath the iced surface of the White Sea on Russia's northwest coast.

The water's colours of green are created from humus — a major component in the organic matter of soil. The water is even yellowish and brownish in hue near the river mouths where humus content is high. The ice itself is often coloured by algae, which provides a major food source for marine life. The world's northernmost regions have some of the most coloured waters.

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was the temperature of Russia's White Sea during Banfi's expedition. Salt causes water to freeze at a lower temperature. Salt molecules act in a way that shields the water molecules from interacting among themselves, making it less likely that ice will be formed.

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It's been a little while since we checked up on some of the great Canadian talent available on Bandcamp, an online music store that allows customers to buy music directly from artists. Here are three recent additions that are worth checking out.

The Grey Owls:

Banjo, mandolin and sparkling harmonies. Sounds pretty good, right? It is. (jordanfaye.bandcamp.com)

Blackout Beach:

It's been a while since I've listened to anything from Frog Eyes, but Carey Mercer's yelp is as tightly wound as ever on this album, recorded in the B.C. barn studio of Dante Decaro. (blackoutbeach.bandcamp.com)

Pow Wows:

If you listen to enough surf and garage rock, it all tends to bleed into one ramshackle song. But I cherish that song and Ottawa's Pow Wows crash their way through it beautifully. (bruisedtongue.bandcamp.com)

Comments

RE: Six Ways to Kill a Cyclist, published April 28

We should not be focusing on driver training, cyclist education, cyclist protective gear (helmets, etc.), or anything like that in terms of increasing cyclist safety. WE SHOULD BE FOCUSING ON PROVIDING PROPER INFRASTRUCTURE.

We can't leave the street as a wide, empty, basically blank canvas for cars to completely dominate and then expect everyone to try and be egalitarian and altruistic.

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Synopsis

It's May 3 and there's a new Iron Man movie. That means it's summer movie season and soon theatres will be filled with angry aliens, hungry zombies and giant sea monsters. There will also be some wild movie characters as well. It's popcorn movie season and this week the Reel Guys have a look at what movies make them hot as the temperature rises.

Iron Man 3 hits theatres Friday and heralds the beginning of summer blockbuster season and the Reel Guys are making their summer picks. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Summer must-sees

Preview. The days are getting longer and warmer — and the Reel Guys can't wait to hide out in a dark movie theatre!

Richard: Mark, summer movies leave me feeling conflicted. I'm always in the mood for something with substance, so I'll definitely line up to see Before Midnight, the third part of the Ethan Hawke-Julie Delpy relationship trilogy, but man, there's something about the hot weather that makes me want to watch things explode. To satisfy that basic need, Star Trek Into Darkness is high on my list. How about you?

Mark: Richard, there are two kinds of people: Star Trek people and Star Wars people. Unfortunately, I am neither. I am looking forward to the Superman reboot, Man Of Steel. Nothing says "popcorn movie" better than the granddaddy of all superheroes. I'm also looking forward to Wolverine. He's the most complex and nuanced of all the X-Men characters and I enjoyed the first one even more than the rest of the X-Men series. By the way, I'm not a Before Midnight guy either. During the first two, I kept hoping both characters would fall into the Seine.

RC: How about zombies? I'm a big fan of The Walking Dead so I'm looking forward to World War Z filling the gap between seasons of the show. If brain-eating undeads aren't your thing, however, how about some brain dead teen thieves? The Bling Ring is Sofia Coppola's movie about real-life rich kids who used the Internet to track the whereabouts of celebrities and then rob their homes. It'll be the opposite of a gritty true crime story — one of the victims, Paris Hilton, even has a cameo — but fans of L.A. and Louboutins should find something to like here.

MB: Two good choices, Richard! I don't even like zombie movies and I can't wait for World War Z! Brad Pitt and millions of rotting ugly faces — the contrast alone will be high drama. And I like everything Sofia Coppola does. And if we're talking indie films, what about The Wonderful Now, a coming-of-age rom com that was a Sundance favourite this year? Or on a different note, Lovelace, the biopic of the Deep Throat star which asks the burning question: how badly does Amanda Seyfried want to change her image?

RC: After The Big Wedding, Seyfried needs to shake things up a bit. I think the wildest movie of the summer might turn out to be Pacific Rim. Sea monsters versus robots? I'm in.

MB: I'm looking forward to a movie where there won't be a single human to get in the way. Or there's always the next Vin Diesel picture.

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Bill has made a documentary, dude

Downloaded. Even 25 years later, Alex Winter still gets plenty of questions about Bill & Ted and the biggest of all — will there be another?

Alex Winter's latest project is a documentary focused on the rise and fall of Napster. GETTY IMAGES

Alex Winter and Keanu Reeves during their Wyld Stallyns days. HANDOUT

When child star Alex Winter attends a film festival, there's only one project fans want to discuss — Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure.

No matter that the slacker comedy is nearly 25 years old, or that the guy who played Bill to Keanu Reeves' Ted has moved on to directing serious documentary projects.

The 47-year-old Winter says he's still recognized "all day, every day" as the dim-witted teen history buff from the 1989 comedy, even as he makes the rounds at the Canadian International Documentary Festival with his Napster-focused saga Downloaded.

"Everywhere in the world," Winter says of Bill's widespread reach during a recent interview in Toronto.

"I literally was shooting a car commercial in the Sahara Desert, I am not joking — on a dune — and got recognized."

Winter says his acting days are largely behind him and that his real passion has always been to direct.

He began working on Downloaded nearly 10 years ago, when he envisioned it as a dramatic feature tracing the rise and fall of Napster and its young-but-brilliant masterminds Shawn Fanning and Sean Parker.

Winter says he wrote the script for Paramount in 2004, spending "a couple of years" researching and writing it well before 2010's The Social Network traced a similar line for Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg.

"There was probably a million reasons why (it didn't get made) but it was also just very early to be telling a story about the digital revolution," says Winter, who cut his teeth directing music videos and commercials.

As for ongoing speculation of a long-awaited follow-up to the Bill & Ted sequel Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey, Winter is concise in his response: "I can't comment."

Which, of course, only suggests that the project is finally happening, right?

"I hope so," Winter says cryptically, insisting he can't say more.

"People who are Bill & Ted fans tend to be really sweet so I think it's awesome," he says of lingering nostalgia.

Downloaded screens Friday at Toronto's Hot Docs festival.

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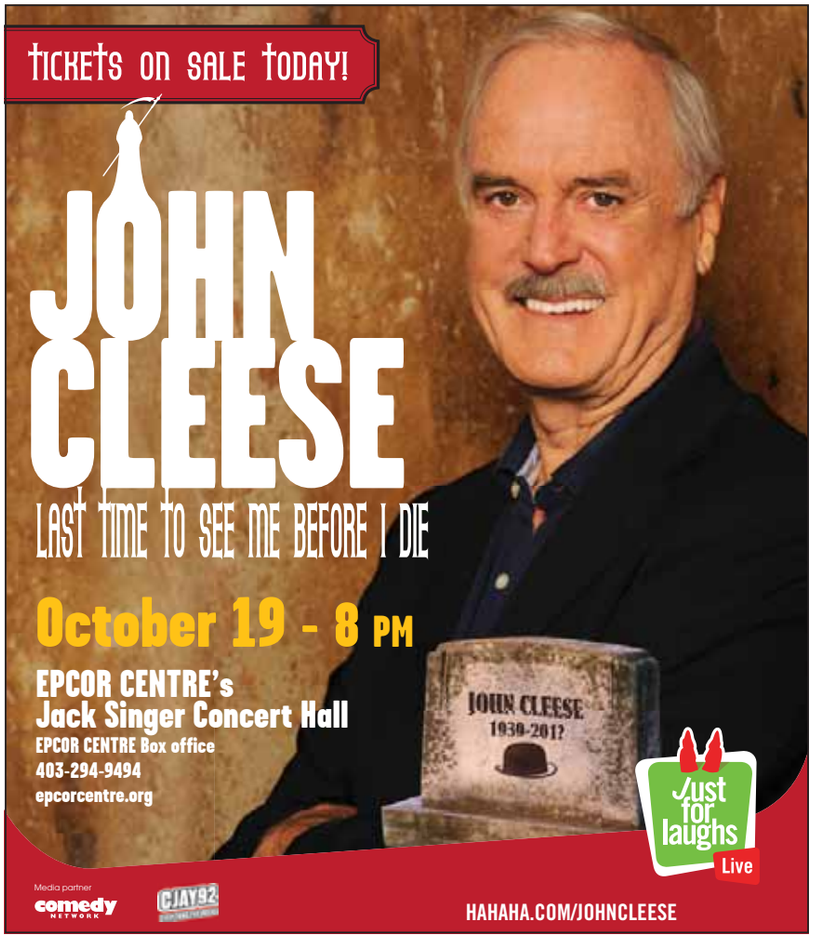

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Iron Man 3

Director. Shane Black

Stars. Robert Downey Jr., Don Cheadle, Gwyneth Paltrow

In the third instalment of the popular series, The Mandarin (Sir Ben Kingsley), an Osama bin Laden wannabe, is terrorizing the planet. The situation becomes personal when Stark's girlfriend Pepper (Gwyneth Paltrow) and bodyguard (Jon Favreau) are threatened by the madman. Iron Man 3 is a huge summer action movie, but it's darker and talkier than parts one and two. The story is deeper than previously but I have one complaint: It's hard to understand why Robert Downey Jr. doesn't spend more time in the iron suit.

RICHARD CROUSE

Drama

Upside Down

Director. Juan Solanas

Stars. Kirsten Dunst, Jim Sturgess, Timothy Spall

This sci-fi Romeo and Juliet has Jim Sturgess opposite Kirsten Dunst as Adam and Eden — star-crossed lovers on twin planets, forced apart by the laws of physics and segregated societies. Upside Down thrives on zero-gravity visuals like ceiling walking. The camera tricks alone are worth the price of admission. Timothy Spall gives a stand-out performance as Adam's only friend on the opposite planet, but the googly-eyed romance gets old fast.

COLIN MCNEIL

Children of the screen

"Kind of like Tony's obsession with the suit, this genre of movie, this and the Sherlock stuff, it's addictive..

"Because they're big movies. Interesting people seem to be drawn to them in recent years. You get really cool directors, people really running wild with their imagination."

Robert Downey Jr. on getting used to starring in blockbusters. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Edgar Bergen and his beloved dummy

Film. Candice Bergen's latest project will focus on her father's life as a ventriloquist

A happy family: Charlie, Candice and Edgar. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Candice Bergen is producing a film about her late father, the famed ventriloquist Edgar Bergen, a spokeswoman said Tuesday.

The big-screen project will tell the story of Bergen's dad and his ventriloquist's dummy that became an unlikely celebrity, spokeswoman Heidi Schaeffer said. The movie will be based on Candice Bergen's 1984 memoir, Knock Wood.

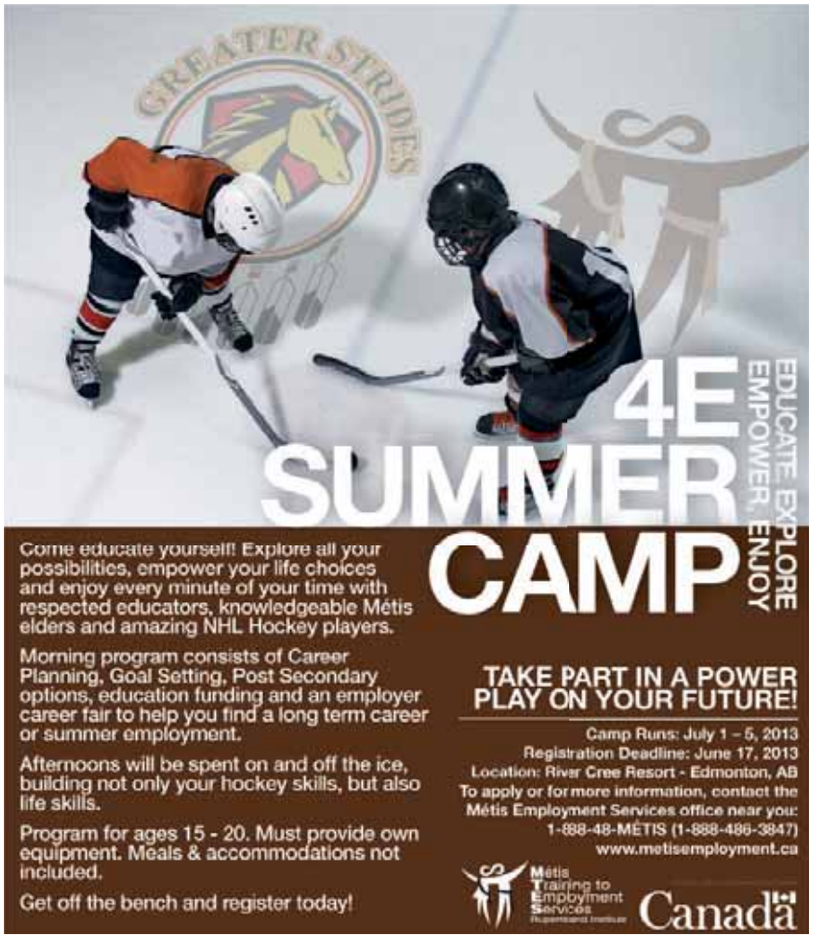
In a statement, Murphy Brown star Bergen said her father was overshadowed by the three-foot-long wood character named Charlie McCarthy, who got the best lines while the reserved Edgar Bergen played straight man.

"This creation took over and eclipsed the creator," Candice Bergen said. "It was the dummy that wouldn't die. All the fan mail initially went to Charlie. And Edgar wasn't really welcome at parties in the beginning unless Charlie was with him. It was totally surreal."

James Francis Trezza and Pam Widener, who are producing the film with Bergen, said they want to introduce a new generation to the early days of American show business, from vaudeville through the birth of TV, and explore how Bergen navigated its changes.

Barbara Turner, who worked with Trezza and Widener on the Oscar-winning Jackson Pollock biographical film Pollock, is writing the script.

Charlie "was truly Bergen's alter ego and, perhaps more interestingly, he was America's alter ego," producer Widener said in a statement. "At a time when manners and standards ruled the airwaves, Charlie said the unsayable and got away with it." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**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Kevin Zegers, left, and Bill Paxton star in The Colony. HANDOUT

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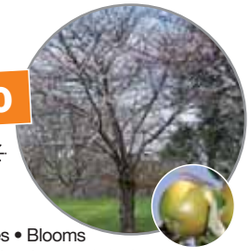

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Anna Quindlen has her Cake and eats it too

Memoir. Author invites readers into her perfectly imperfect life

MEREDITH ENGEL
Metro World News

Anna Quindlen is no stranger to sharing the details of her life with millions of followers — her New York Times column, Life in the 30s, was a hit with readers for its three-year run. Her memoir, Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake, provided Quindlen another opportunity to invite readers into her perfectly imperfect life. Not one to shy away from the industry's new technologies, the author fielded questions from us via her iPad while in L.A. for her book tour.

Anna Quindlen

When did you know the time was right to write a memoir?
It wasn't so much that I wanted to write a memoir as that I wanted to write about how growing older has changed during my lifetime. It became clear to me that the best way to illuminate the ways we live now was to mine my own life for material.

Did you approach this the same way you did your other non-fiction works? Do you approach fiction differently?
I approach almost all my writing in the same basic fashion. I spend as much time as I can reading and reporting, and finally thinking deeply about the subject and the themes that interest me. I obviously don't do the reporting when I'm writing a novel, but the months of constant mulling are certainly a big part of the process.

Were you ever nervous or apprehensive to reveal such private details about hard subjects, like when you gave up drinking, for example?
I've had to learn over the years what can go into print, and what is too much information. Perhaps not for the reader but for friends and family. When I had a finished manuscript of Candles, I gave it to my husband and three children, who had absolute veto rights. No one exercised them; I suspect because I had already been pretty sensitive about what not to include. Certainly discussing the fact that I stopped drinking 24 years ago was a bit of a leap for me. But I thought it might be helpful for other women who have had issues with alcohol.

What is the best compliment someone could give you as a writer?
There are two. Sometimes a conservative will say to me about my political columns, "I don't agree with your politics, but you always make me think about things in a different way." That's huge for me; preaching to the choir is one thing, but engaging with those who are not on the same page feels like a real accomplishment, especially in our divided and divisive society. The other thing is that women will sometimes tell me that they feel as though I'm telling the story of their lives.

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TV picks

Season finale of The Good Wife

The Good Wife fans can catch the season finale Friday, titled What's in the Box? Zach thinks he sees vote tampering with the gubernatorial election and Will, Alicia and Diane leap into the fray with emergency court proceedings. Cary receives an offer from an unexpected source to help start his own firm. (Global)

Julianna Margulies in The Good Wife. HANDOUT

It's wedding time on Happy Endings

A wedding is in store on another season ender Friday. Guest star Stephanie March (Law and Order: SVU) joins the cast of Happy Endings as Brooke, Jane's older sister. In the finale, Dave and Alex hide a big secret. There will be back-to-back episodes. (City, ABC)

Galifianakis on SNL

Comedian Zach Galifianakis hosts Saturday Night Live for the third time Saturday. The music act is Of Monsters and Men. (Global, NBC)

Don't get it Twisted

In yet another twist on the real estate reality genre, Seattle realtor Theresa Michaels finds inventive ways to get offers on problem properties that no one else will touch. Twisted & Listed premieres Saturday with back-to-back episodes. (TLC)

See who won the Amazing Race

The winning team is determined on Sunday's finale of The Amazing Race. After the final four teams go bog snorkelling in Belfast, Northern Ireland, one team's race comes to an end; the three remaining teams scour historic landmarks in Washington, D.C. (CTV, CBS)

McGregors host Royal Air Force doc

The documentary Bomber Boys, which highlights the heroism of the men who fought and died in flight above occupied Europe during the Second World War, airs Sunday in a two-hour special. Actor Ewan McGregor and his aviator brother Colin document the Royal Air Force's Bomber Command, which operated from 1939 to 1945. (Discovery World)

She's making mom proud, the 'real' way

Leah Remini. King of Queens co-star took role at mother's urging

J.K. Simmons, left, Johnny Pemberton and Leah Remini star in the new sitcom Family Tools. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Leah Remini had good reason to join the new ABC sitcom Family Tools.

The former King of Queens star has a development deal with the network, and ABC Entertainment Group president Paul Lee asked her to be part of the comedy that airs on Wednesdays.

Then Remini's mother weighed in.

"She said, 'Who's in it?'" the actress recalled. After hearing the cast included J.K. Simmons (Juno, The Closer), Remini's mom replied, "He's a real actor, Leah. You should do it."

"As opposed to me," Remini said, wryly. "He's real, he does drama."

Remini has made her career largely in comedy, but her mom can still brag about her. Besides the 1998 to 2007 run opposite Kevin James in CBS' King of Queens, Remini has worked steadily in a string of sitcoms including Cheers and In the Motherhood. She was a co-host on The Talk for a year and is venturing into reality TV production with her husband, actor Angelo Pagan.

(All Remini will say of her experience with The Talk is that "a real friendship was born out of that" with Holly Robinson Peete, another host who was released from the CBS show after the first season.)

In Family Tools, Remini plays Terry, sister to Tony (Simmons). When the irascible Tony faces a health crisis, Terry forces him to bring in his flighty son Jack (Kyle Bornheimer) to help run Tony's handyman business.

Edi Gathegi, Johnny Pemberton and Danielle Nicolet co-star in the sitcom based on the British comedy White Van Man.

Silent sitcom

"I found myself going up to the lighting guys and saying 'Is that funny?'"

Actress Leah Remini on the single-camera, no-live-audience show experience

Remini said she and Simmons represent "the grandpa and grandma of the show," the seasoned actors.

"Kyle and Edi and everyone are going over their lines, rehearsing scenes with each other, very actor-like. And J.K. and I are ... 'What did you do last night?'" she said.

Family Tools does have its challenges: It's a single-camera comedy filmed without a studio audience, a change from the three-camera sitcoms Remini is used to taping in front of a responsive crowd.

"You get an honest reaction from an audience. They're going to laugh if they think it's funny," the 42-year-old actress said. "I'm so used to that immediate gratification." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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R5 a family affair ... except for that guy

Newest sensations. California music group to be the next big thing?

ELISHA DACEY
Metro in Winnipeg

They're like a modern Von Trapp family, except without the outfits made from curtains.

Meet R5, the newest teen-sensation group your tween will likely be shrieking about in the next year or so.

Like Hanson before them, what makes them more unique in the music world is they're all from the same family — except for that little guy on the end.

"What?" drawls Ellington Ratliff, who goes by his last name. "No, not related."

Brothers Riker, Rocky and Ross, along with sister Rydel make up the five, leading to their name, R5, of course.

"We started at a very very young age," said Riker, "just performing for our family and friends ... then when we moved out to California, Rocky started to play, taught himself how to play guitar, then me and Riker picked it up, then we met Ellington at a dance studio ... he completed the band.

"We never really established that we wanted to be a band, it just sort of happened."

Hot on the heels of their debut single, Loud, the group are touring across Canada this spring in support of their upcoming album of the same name.

"We have fights, all families have fights, but we're better than most," said Ross.

"We're all best friends, genuinely," added Rydel.

The five were recently in Disney World, where this reporter caught up to them as they performed live on Cityline. See video of that performance at metronews.ca.

Ratliff, left, Rocky, Ross, Rydel and Riker perform at the Magic Kingdom on April 20. ELISHA DACEY/METRO

Actors

If Riker and Ross look familiar, it's because Riker has done acting and singing stints on Glee and Ross stars in Austin & Ally on the Disney Channel.

Tour schedule:

Ottawa. May 5, the Bronson Centre

Hamilton. May 6, Molson Studio at Hamilton Place

London. May 7, Music Hall Lounge

Winnipeg. May 10, the Garrick Theatre

Saskatoon. May 11, Louis' Pub

Edmonton. May 12, the Starlite Room

Vancouver. May 14, Rio Theatre

Here's to you, Black Rebel Motorcycle Club

Music. Robert Levon Been and company salute the passing of a mentor with new album

LINDA LABAN
Metro World News in New York City

Black Rebel Motorcycle Club's Robert Levon Been admits that making his band's new record was particularly difficult.

But, the California trio's sixth record, Specter at the Feast, followed the abrupt death of Been's father, Michael, the band's sound engineer, who fronted 1980s pop band The Call.

"Any album that's worth a s— is difficult to make," Been says. "There were lots of different things that made this difficult. After the last tour, we were exhausted, and my father's passing at the end of the tour meant there was a mourning process to go through. Things are always difficult when you're caught in the eye of the storm."

Taking its name from a quote in Macbeth, Specter at the Feast finds co-frontman/bassist Been and his bandmates — guitarist and co-singer Peter Hayes and drummer Leah Shapiro — losing themselves in shoe-gazey psychedelia, barreling heavy rock and occasional quieter songs like the doleful album closer, Lose Yourself. In the middle of it all is an anthemic cover of The Call's Let the Day Begin.

"That song found its way onto the album somehow," Been says. "It wasn't planned, but it felt right to remember all the love and help my father gave us. It's always difficult covering someone's song. You want to be respectful but also put your fingerprint on it. We turned that song inside-out. We knew a ballad was not what we needed. We needed a song that felt like it was about standing back up and moving forward."

So emotional

One song BRMC recorded during the Specter sessions wasn't for the album: Heaven and All was written for Sound City, Foo Fighters' Dave Grohl's doc about the Neve recording console behind legendary albums like Nirvana's Never- mind.

"It seemed like a good idea," Been says of contributing a song. "But then we walk in and there's Dave Grohl standing there, Butch Vig's standing there, and there's all these cameras. We definitely felt the pressure."

The console, which they used for Specter, was used for BRMC's 2001 debut, too: "I don't get emotional about gear, but it felt good to have that console back."

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3 Songs for the Weekend

SOUND CHECK
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Three songs you definitely won't hear on the radio. Proceed with caution.

Jenny/Sloan

In celebration of hitting 20,000 Twitter followers (@Sloanmusic), the band has issued a 7-inch hardcore (?!?) single.

And yes, they pull it off.

Bounce/Cho Yong-pil

Psy's run at number one at home in Korea with his new single, Gentleman, was cut short by this track from a 63-year-old easy listening star.

Oh, the fickleness of the music business.

Ex-Boyfriend/ Lil Dicky

By far the funniest video I've seen this year. Think of it as a modern update of Joe Jackson's Is She Really Going Out With Him, except very NSFW.

Now you're curious, right?

Jill Barber's pregnant, singing and on the move

On stage. After a busy tour, the Canadian songstress will finally take a break

Juno-nominated chanteuse Jill Barber has some of the biggest gigs of her career lined up this week — and, as she quips, they feel big in more ways than one.

"Because I'm pregnant right now, so I'm literally feeling bigger," she laughed on the sunny patio of a Toronto café this week. "To perform onstage, I feel a little more vulnerable or something.

"But I think that could be good. I think vulnerability onstage generally isn't a bad thing."

Jill Barber THE CANADIAN PRESS

Even if she wasn't more than six months pregnant with her first child, Barber might feel daunted by the week's festivities.

On Thursday, she'll take the stage at Montreal's Metropolis — capacity 2,300 — followed by a Friday night engagement at Toronto's lushly historic Winter Garden Theatre, with a Saturday gig next in Bragg Creek, Alta.

And then the classification-defying singer will take a five-month reprieve from the road that she's entering with some trepidation.

"It's totally wild to me," says Barber, who's married to author and CBC-Radio personality Grant Lawrence. "To actually take a break is kind of scary, I guess, but good. I know it's not that long. But the other thing in my career is as an independent musician, it's so much about momentum, and I've always felt that too." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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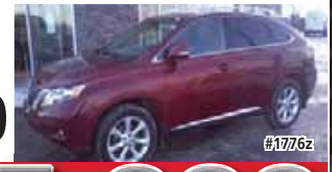
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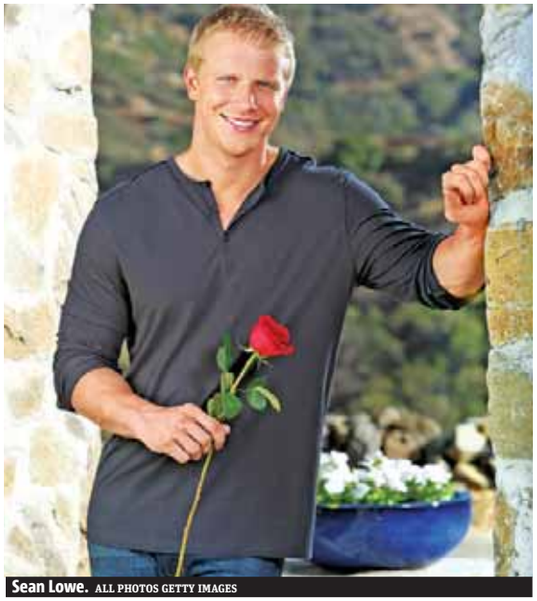

Sean Lowe. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Who's that girl with the 'Virgin Bachelor'? It's not his fiancée ...

The "Virgin Bachelor" Sean Lowe boarded an L.A. flight on April 25 for a public appearance in North Carolina.

He didn't take fiancée Catherine Giudici along with him, but rather it was his Dancing With the Stars partner, Peta Murgatroyd, who was his seatmate, reports Life & Style.

An eyewitness tells the magazine: "It was his dance partner from the show. I couldn't believe my eyes."

Lowe is now on the defensive, saying Murgatroyd went with him so they could "squeeze in more rehearsal time." I wonder what else they "squeezed in" on that trip?

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Spice Girls lose some of their, well, spice

THE WORD
Dorothy Robinson
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The Spice Girls' West End musical, Viva Forever!, which features the girl band's songs, is closing eight months early due to slow ticket sales. The show was scheduled to run until February 2014, but it will now close next month.

Spice Girl Geri Halliwell (a.k.a Ginger Spice) has expressed her disappointment on Twitter, writing, "We love u all Viva Forever, what a shock, gutted."

A message from the show's producer, Judy Craymer, reads: "It is with a heavy heart that I've had to make this very difficult decision to post closing notice for Viva Forever! … Despite the wonderful audiences, extremely positive feedback and the standing ovation at every performance … we just can't make it work.

"I am extremely proud of everyone involved in this production. Viva Forever! may be taking its leave for now in the West End but the legacy of Spice Girls will never fade!"

Yeah, no. Actually, if your musical closes after four months, your legacy is fading. That's exactly what that means.

Reese Witherspoon

She might be drunk and disorderly, but Reese is definitely not pregnant

Two weeks after she was arrested for disorderly conduct and her husband was arrested for a DUI while in Atlanta, Reese Witherspoon is attempting damage control.

"It was one of those nights, we went out to dinner in Atlanta and we had one too many glasses of wine. We thought we were fine to drive and we absolutely were not," she told Good Morning America.

"I saw (the officer) arresting my husband and I literally panicked. I said all kinds of crazy things. I told him I was pregnant — I'm not pregnant. I said crazy things. I have no idea what I was talking about … I was so disrespectful to him."

She told him she was pregnant? That's so weird. Did she think the officer would be more sympathetic to a drunk pregnant woman?

Twitter

@kelly_clarkson
Congrats to the top 4 girls on Idol! You're all talented and just because there's one winner doesn't mean you all can't win in the end :)

@MarioLopezExtra
RIP Chris Kelly. Kris Kross an iconic one hit wonder rap artist from my childhood in the 90's... 'Jump' is still a tight jam. #MacDaddy

@iamcolinquinn
Kids today act like a bunch of lousy lazy bone thugs. Listening to Five For Fighting and bumping into store displays at the mall.

Notice of Hearing for Permanent Guardianship Order To

Richard Dortch

Take notice that on the **13th day of May 2013 at 9:30 a.m., at Calgary Family Court, Courtroom #1205, 601 – 5th Street SW, Calgary, Alberta**, a hearing will take place.

A Director, under the Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act will make an application for: **Custody Order; Permanent Guardianship Order** of your child born **February 24, 1999**. If you wish to speak to this matter in court, you MUST appear in court on this date. You do have the right to be represented by a lawyer. If you do not attend in person or by a lawyer, an Order may be made in your absence and the Judge may make a different Order than the one being applied for by the Director. You will be bound by any Order the Judge makes.

You do have the right to appeal the Order within 30 days from the date the Order is made.

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Looks count

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While it may not be politically correct to admit, when it comes to just about anything, "looks" really do matter. Of course, what each of us considers attractive can be subjective. What turns my head may turn your stomach.

Though far from scientific, a great example of this can be found on wine bottles. Wine marketers spend exorbitant amounts of time trying to figure out ways to make their brands stand out on the shelf, and the label is a wine's way of making a first impression.

I have two words for those who scoff at artsy wine panels: Mouton Rothschild. The über famous Bordeaux winemaker has been commissioning famous painters to spruce up its labels since 1946.

California's Bear Flag Smooth Red ($12.95 to $13.99) may not be as posh as Mouton, but its label adds new meaning to the term decorative. It's a cartoon explosion of images that includes a magic bus, a big bear and a not-so-subtle jab at the labels of the great French Chateaus. It's a natural to wash down grilled burgers and will look great doing it.

PETER ROCKWELL IS THE EVERYMAN'S WINE WRITER

Brekkie Pie

This recipe makes 4 pies. CONTRIBUTED/PRIME PUBS

Who says you can't have pie for breakfast?

Brekkie pie. This favourite includes scrambled eggs, breakfast sausage and bacon, baked in a crisp pastry —what more could you want?

1. Thaw pie shells and pastry rounds, then follow package directions to pre-cook pie shells. Rounds will be used raw.

2. Whisk 8 eggs together with salt and pepper until smooth.

3. Add butter to large saucepan on medium heat. Add sausage and bacon to pan and cook for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally, until bacon fat has rendered off, about 5 minutes.

4. Add whisked eggs to pan. Continue mixing until eggs begin to set and are slightly white in colour. Add grape tomatoes and green onions.

5. Remove pan from heat. Add cream cheese and hollandaise sauce. Mix well.

6. Divide mixture equally in bottom of each shell and cover with pie shell top. Press edges with fork to seal.

7. Brush beaten egg on tops using pastry brush.

8. Place pies in 375 F oven and cook until pastry is golden and crispy, about 12 minutes.

9. Remove from oven and allow to cool slightly. Serve with your favourite salad.

Chef's Tip: Purchase packaged pie shells and pastry dough from grocery store.

RECIPE COURTESY OF CHEF BRYAN JUREK OF PRIME PUBS' FAMILY OF PREMIUM PUBS, WHICH INCLUDES FIONN MACCOOL'S AND D'ARCY MCGEE'S

Ingredients

- 4 5-inch pie shells with tins, pre-cooked
- 4 5-inch top pastry rounds
- 8 eggs
- salt and pepper
- 1 tbsp butter
- 4 breakfast sausages, cut into small pieces
- 4 slices bacon, raw, cut into small pieces
- 8 whole grape tomatoes, cut in half
- 1/4 cup green onions, chopped
- 1 tbsp cream cheese
- 1 tbsp Hollandaise sauce
- 1 egg, beaten

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Cinco de Mayo, Calgary-style

On Saturday, the Museum of Contemporary Art Calgary (MOCA) is having their Second Annual Cinco de Mayo Fundraiser. Tickets are $75 for the under 30 crowd, or $100 regularly. The Fundraiser starts at 7 p.m. at the new Vagabond Beer Works Brew Pub. It includes live music by Los Majes and DJ Mikey DaRoza. There will also be a silent auction. Visit mocafundraiser.eventbrite.ca.

Seeing Red, in a good way

Red, John Logan's drama about a young artist hired to assist the world famous painter Mark Rothko is on at the Epcor Centre's Martha Cohen Theatre through May 18. Having won a Tony Award in 2010, the two-character play focuses on the mentor/student relationship. Other notable work by Mr. Logan includes Hugo, the Aviator and Any Given Sunday. Tickets range from $30 to $70. Call 403-292-9494 for tickets or more information.

Amaluna

The Big Top is set up at the Stampede Grounds, and the circus costumes are finished. The Cirque du Soleil's latest tour through Calgary is on now and brings a mysterious island governed by Goddesses and guided by the cycles of the moon. A love story weaves the tale with trust, faith and harmony as key themes. We may not all be able to master the Chinese Pole, but we can all wonder at the imagination of Guy Laliberté.

Have some frothy fun this weekend

Increase your knowledge of all things beer while sampling more than 200 types of the bubbly beverage at the BMO Centre on Friday and Saturday. Check out the beer seminars and find a new favourite brew. There will also be yummy food, of course. The Fest is open to the public from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday and 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets are available online at albertabeerfestivals.com.

When musicians mix and match

Five new bands will be created to perform material less than 12 hours old. Twenty five musicians from The Dudes, Stalwart Sons, The Gooeys, Lab Coast, Faux Fur and more are participating on Saturday. Funds raised go toward supporting the independent Sled Island music festival happening June 19 to 23. The show starts at 9 p.m. at the Palomino and tickets are $10.

TELUS Spark's adult-only night

Thursday brings the Science Centre's monthly childless night. Open late, with live music and adult beverages to be had, check out this month's feature exhibit, The Amazing Human Body. Take a date or organize a group of friends and wander through the exhibits. The night runs from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., and tickets are $20. 220 St. George's Dr. NE. Call 403.817.6800 for more information.

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Senators defenceman Erik Karlsson celebrates his first-period goal with teammate Milan Michalek during Game 1 of their Eastern Conference first-round series against the Canadiens in Montreal. Ottawa won the opener 4-2. FRANCOIS LAPLANTE/GETTY IMAGES

Sens' Anderson the difference in Game 1

NHL playoffs.
Ottawa scores three unanswered goals to grab series lead

Game 1

Senators	Canadiens
4	2

Fifty shots is usually enough to win a hockey game, but apparently not when Craig Anderson is in goal.

Anderson made 48 saves and the Ottawa Senators staged a third-period comeback to defeat the Montreal Canadiens 4-2 in the opening game of the first playoff series to be played between the geographic rivals.

The Canadiens set team playoff records with 27 shots in the second period and 50 overall in what was a losing cause mostly because Anderson outplayed Montreal goalie Carey Price, who stopped 27 shots at the other end.

"What can you say? Andy's our MVP," said defenceman Marc Methot, who scored the game-winning goal. "He's a machine back there. He just keeps going and going. We're lucky to have him in the net."

The Senators will take a 1-0 lead in the best-of-seven Eastern Conference quarter-final going into Game 2 on Friday night at the Bell Centre.

The Canadiens will be without one of their hottest forwards, centre Lars Eller, who was wheeled off the ice on a stretcher bleeding heavily from the face and taken to hospital. He suffered a concussion, as well as fractures to his face and teeth, after an open-ice hit from Ottawa defenceman Eric Gryba.

Jakob Silfverberg, Erik Karlsson and Guillaume Latendresse also scored for the Senators.

Rene Bourque and Brendan Gallagher replied for Montreal.

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NHL playoffs

Elbow on Grabovski costs Ference Game 2

Boston Bruins defenceman Andrew Ference has been suspended one game for an illegal check to the head of Toronto Maple Leafs forward Mikhail Grabovski.

Ference, five-foot-11 and 189 pounds, went unpunished in the first period of Boston's 4-1 playoff win Wednesday night when he elbowed Grabovski in the head by the boards.

The five-foot-11, 183-pound Grabovski finished the game.

"I just remember a pretty hard hit to my head," the Belarusian forward told reporters Thursday before the ban was handed down.

The league called the hit reckless in ruling that Ference, after playing the puck in the corner, had lunged toward the oncoming Leaf, "extending his left arm and shoulder, picking Grabovski's head and making it the principal point of contact."

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NHL

Wild hurting going into Game 2

Minnesota Wild goalie Niklas Backstrom and defenceman Clayton Stoner did not practise on Thursday, increasing the possibility they will be unavailable for Game 2 of their first-round playoff series against the Chicago Blackhawks.

Wild forward Jason Pominville also missed Thursday's practice and will not travel to Chicago for Friday's game. He missed Game 1.

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Ovie and friends open strong vs. Rangers

Alex Ovechkin's franchise-record 31st career playoff goal got the Capitals started before less-heralded teammates Marcus Johansson and Jason Chimera scored 46 seconds apart, and Washington beat the New York Rangers 3-1 Thursday night in Game 1 of their first-round series.

Ovechkin, a two-time MVP who led the NHL with 32 goals this season, crashed the net to score on a power play about seven minutes into the second period to tie the game for the Capitals, the third-seeded team in the Eastern Conference.

Game 1

Capitals	Rangers
3	1

Carl Hagelin had put sixth-seeded New York ahead 1-0 in the first period — the only puck that made it past Braden Holtby, who finished with 35 saves.

Game 2 of the best-of-seven series is Saturday in Washington.

It's the third consecutive season these two teams are facing each other in the playoffs and the fourth time in five years. The Rangers eliminated the Capitals in seven games in the second round last season.

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Capitals forward Alex Ovechkin battles for the puck with the Rangers' Ryan McDonagh on Thursday night in Washington. GREG FIUME/GETTY IMAGES

Huynh. Olympic champ to plead wrestling's case to IOC

Olympic champion Carol Huynh believes wrestling is one of the purest sports.

There's no equipment, no padding — just "your hands, your heart and your mind."

"Those are the things that you bring to the Olympic Games with this sport," Huynh said. "I feel very strongly about this."

The 32-year-old hopes to convey that when she and fellow Olympic gold medallist Daniel Igali plead their sport's case to the International Olympic Committee on May 29 in a bid to keep wrestling on the Games program.

Huynh, a native of Hazelton, B.C., made history at the 2008 Beijing Olympics as Canada's first female gold medallist in the sport, then went on to win bronze last summer in London before retiring.

She was floored when she heard the IOC's decision in February to remove wrestling from the 2020 Olympics.

"I was just shocked. I had no idea this was happening. I had no idea that there was any decision like this coming about at that time. It just blew my mind," Huynh said on Thursday at an athletes summit for the 2015 Pan American Games in Toronto.

Huynh said there are two avenues wrestling can take to be reinstated. The first is at the May 29 IOC meeting where wrestling will compete with seven other sports for a provisional spot in the 2020 Games. Officials also will lobby the 114-member IOC General Session in September in Buenos Aires in hopes of overturning the executive board's original recommendation by a simple majority vote. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

"It was part of the Ancient Games as well as in the very first modern Olympic Games."

Carol Huynh, an Olympic gold- and bronze-medal winner, on the historical significance of wrestling.

Nets avoid elimination again, push Bulls to Game 7

Nets centre Brook Lopez and Bulls big man Joakim Noah battle for a rebound during Game 6 of their first-round series on Thursday night in Chicago. JONATHAN DANIEL/GETTY IMAGES

NBA playoffs. Brooklyn barely holds on against hard-nosed Chicago

Deron Williams, Brook Lopez and Joe Johnson each scored 17 points, and the Brooklyn Nets again avoided elimination, beating the short-handed Chicago Bulls 95-92 on Thursday to tie their first-round series 3-3.

The series goes back to Brooklyn for Game 7 on Saturday. The winner gets Miami in the second round. The Bulls hung in until the end even though they were missing Luol Deng and Kirk Hinrich.

A layup by Nazr Mohammed cut the Nets' lead to 93-92 with 25.2 seconds remaining.

Nate Robinson then fouled Andray Blatche, who had missed a free throw only moments earlier. This time, he hit both to make it a three-point game with 19.2 seconds left.

The Bulls had a chance to tie it, but Marco Belinelli missed a three-pointer and Joakim Noah stepped out of bounds with about six seconds left.

Chicago still had a chance, though.

Noah tied up Williams after the inbounds, resulting in a jump ball with 3.6 seconds left.

Johnson controlled the ball, and the Nets hung on.

Gerald Wallace added 15 points as Brooklyn won its second straight.

Only eight NBA teams have come back from a 3-1 deficit to win a best-of-seven series. Now the Nets are in position to do just that.

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Game 6

95	92
Nets	Bulls

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE QUARTER-FINALS

(BEST-OF-7 SERIES — All times Eastern)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

MIAMI (1) VS MILWAUKEE (8)
(Miami wins 4-0)

NEW YORK (2) VS BOSTON (7)
(New York leads 3-2)
Wednesday's result
Boston 92 New York 86
Friday's game
New York at Boston, 7 p.m.

INDIANA (3) VS ATLANTA (6)
(Indiana leads 3-2)
Wednesday's result
Indiana 106 Atlanta 83
Friday's game
Indiana at Atlanta, 7 p.m.

BROOKLYN (4) VS CHICAGO (5)
(Series tied 3-3)
Thursday's result
Brooklyn 95 Chicago 92
Saturday's game
Chicago at Brooklyn, TBD

WESTERN CONFERENCE

OKLAHOMA CITY (1) V HOUSTON (8)
(Oklahoma City leads 3-2)
Wednesday's result
Houston 107 Oklahoma City 100
Friday's game
Oklahoma City at Houston, 9:30 p.m.

SAN ANTONIO (2) VS L.A. LAKERS (7)
(San Antonio wins 4-0)

DENVER (3) VS GOLDEN STATE (6)
(Golden State leads 3-2)
Thursday's result
Denver at Golden State
Saturday's game
x-Golden State at Denver, TBD

L.A. CLIPPERS (4) VS MEMPHIS (5)
(Memphis leads 3-2)
Friday's game
L.A. Clippers at Memphis, 9:30 p.m.
x — if necessary.

NHL PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE QUARTER-FINALS

(BEST-OF-7 SERIES — All times Eastern)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

PITTSBURGH (1) V. NY ISLANDERS (8)
(Pittsburgh leads 1-0)
Wednesday's result
Pittsburgh 5 N.Y. Islanders 0
Friday's game
N.Y. Islanders at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.

MONTREAL (2) VS. OTTAWA (7)
(Ottawa leads 1-0)
Thursday's result
Ottawa 4 Montreal 2
Friday's game
Ottawa at Montreal, 7 p.m.

WASHINGTON (3) V. NY RANGERS (6)
(Washington leads 1-0)
Thursday's result
Washington 3 N.Y. Rangers 1
Saturday's game
NY Rangers at Washington, 12:30 p.m.

BOSTON (4) VS. TORONTO (5)
(Boston leads 1-0)
Wednesday's result
Boston 4 Toronto 1
Saturday's game
Toronto at Boston, 7 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CHICAGO (1) VS. MINNESOTA (8)
(Chicago leads 1-0)
Friday's game
Minnesota at Chicago, 9:30 p.m.

ANAHEIM (2) VS. DETROIT (7)
(Anaheim leads 1-0)
Thursday's result
Detroit at Anaheim

VANCOUVER (3) VS. SAN JOSE (6)
(San Jose leads 1-0)
Wednesday's result
San Jose 3 Vancouver 1
Friday's game
San Jose at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

ST. LOUIS (4) VS. LOS ANGELES (5)
(St. Louis leads 2-0)
Thursday's result
St. Louis 2 Los Angeles 1
Saturday's game
St. Louis at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	20	8	.714	—
New York	17	10	.630	2½
Baltimore	16	12	.571	4
Tampa Bay	12	15	.444	7½
Toronto	**10**	**19**	**.345**	**10½**

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	15	10	.600	—
Detroit	15	11	.577	½
Minnesota	12	12	.500	2½
Cleveland	12	13	.480	3
Chicago	12	15	.444	4

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	17	11	.607	—
Oakland	16	13	.552	1½
Seattle	13	17	.433	5
Los Angeles	10	17	.370	6½
Houston	8	20	.286	9

Thursday's results
Boston 3 **Toronto 1**
Chicago White Sox 3 Texas 1
Tampa Bay at Kansas City, ppd.
Detroit at Houston
Baltimore at L.A. Angels
Friday's games
All times Eastern
Oakland (Griffin 2-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 4-2), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Hernandez 1-0) at Cleveland (Masterson 4-2), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Hernandez 3-2) at **Toronto (Romero 0-0)**, 7:07 p.m.
Boston (Doubront 3-0) at Texas (Holland 1-2), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Fister 4-0) at Houston (Norris 3-3), 8:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Kansas City (Guthrie 3-0), 8:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Gonzalez 2-1) at L.A. Angels (Vargas 0-3), 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Thursday's results
San Diego 4 Chicago Cubs 2
St. Louis 6 Milwaukee 5
Washington 3 Atlanta 1
Philadelphia 7 Miami 2

Horoscopes

Aries
March 21 - April 20
There is more than one way to reach your destination, so don't get upset if your current path is blocked. Aries are inventive, so use your mind to acquire what it is you desire.

Taurus
April 21 - May 21
It would appear that someone you work with has been less than honest with you. Most likely it won't affect you but it will cause you to think twice before you trust them again.

Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You may not have all the answers to life's big questions but you do know enough to tell someone they are talking nonsense. Don't back off just because they have a reputation that you don't. The truth trumps everything

Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You will be surprised to find yourself agreeing with someone whose views you usually dismiss as irrelevant. Maybe they do have something to say. Maybe they can teach you something new.

Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Interesting information will come your way soon and you must use it to improve your bargaining power. Your rivals would not ignore it, so why should you?

Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
The very last thing you should do today is to try to force people to see things your way. Persuasion is always better than coercion.

Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
When you ask a straight question you expect a straight answer and if you don't get it today you can be pretty sure someone is hiding something from you.

Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
What's your big idea? You do have one, don't you? The planets are working in your favour now and if you run with that idea you could make a name for yourself – and maybe a fortune to go with it!

Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
How can you make your life more interesting – and more profitable too? Give it some thought over the next day and soon you'll have had one of those light bulb moments.

Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You are determined to get your way but others are just as keen to stop you getting your way. So what do you do? Trick them by pushing for the opposite of what you actually want. It might just work.

Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Your rational mind may reject what you see or hear today but a deeper part of you will know at once that it is true. If in doubt always listen to your inner voice. It has the answers.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Try not to be too domineering, especially when dealing with loved ones. You know that what they are doing will end in tears but, if they won't listen, they'll just have to find out for themselves.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.
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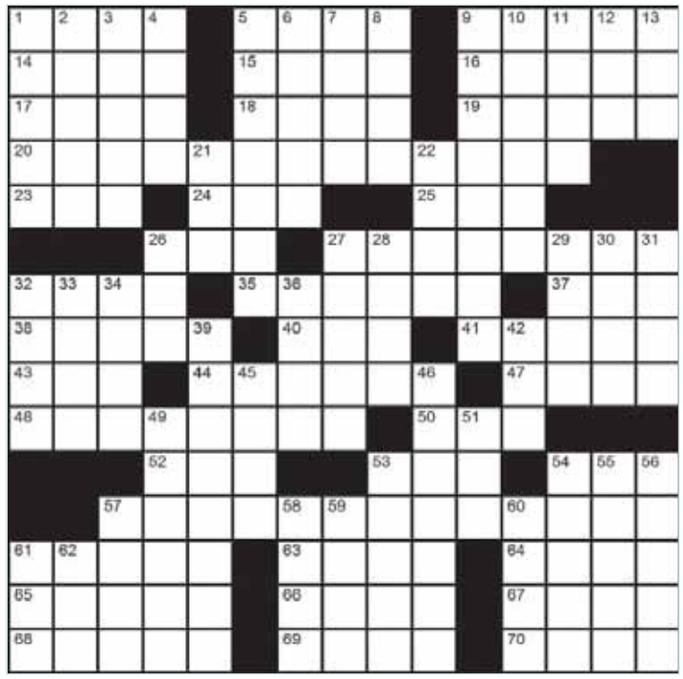
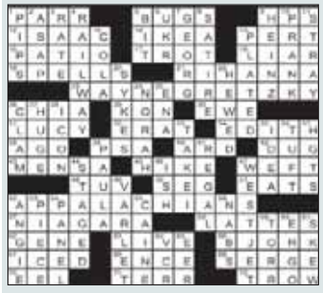


Across
1. __ and hearty (Robust)
5. Quaint spot to have lunch
9. Top-notches
14. Had to pay
15. Antarctica's Prince __ Coast
16. Capital of Tibet
17. Robbie Robertson's group, The __
18. Sort of spy
19. Ancient harps
20. 18th Prime Minister: 2 wds.
23. Currency in Japan
24. Physique, for short
25. Ms. Farrow
26. Mil. force
27. Neil Simon play, __ Beach Memoirs
32. Book's flipped-one-of-some
35. Santana song featuring Rob Thomas
37. 'Picc' add-on (Small flute)
38. Aerobics move
40. Mr. Gershwin
41. Ballroom dance
43. Flight schedule acronym
44. Private mountain estate in Citizen Kane (1941)
47. Bird's bill
48. Ship spar
50. Ms. Richie, to pals
52. Work at
53. Belonging to Irish writer George William Russell's pen name
54. Authorize
57. Creature in Canada thousands of years ago: 2 wds.
61. Baking need
63. Floor mat fibre
64. Chill
65. Charter
66. Do a bit of Spring cleaning
67. Mr. Stewart's
68. Men At Work hit: "Down __"
69. Cummerbund
70. Human hinge

Down
1. Stamp collecting, for one
2. On the ball
3. Russian ruler at rest at Red Sq.
4. Icelandic myth story
5. House of __
6. Spoken/heard
7. Tumble
8. ...happily __ after.
9. The whole evening: 2 wds.
10. "Hey! That's right!": 2 wds.
11. __ a soul
12. WNW's opposite
13. Airline to Stockholm
21. Peacock network
22. Exclude
26. Rule, for short
27. Sacha Baron Cohen character
28. Traversed thing
29. Singing voice characteristic
30. Gymnastics great Ms. Korbut
31. Breakfast corner
32. Commoner, commonly
33. "Grand Theft __" (1977)
34. Eat at
36. Skirt style
39. Early visitor to Canada
42. "20/20" network
45. Chemical group
46. Discover
49. Hubby, for one
51. 'Tour' suffix
53. Not quite right
54. Input username/password info: 2 wds.
55. Music piece
56. This stuff
57. Blue dyestuff
58. Some flat-screen TVs, e.g.
59. "I never promised __ _..."7.

Yesterday's Crossword



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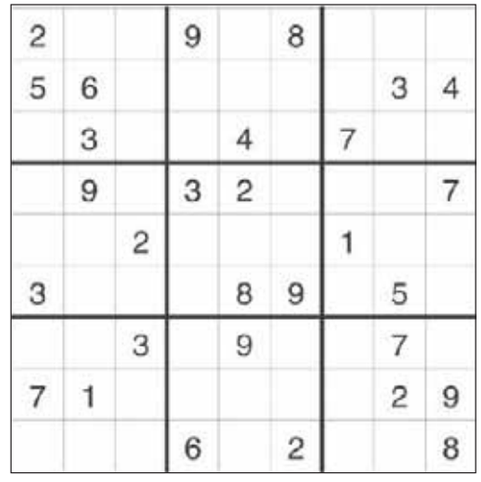
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.



Yesterday's Sudoku

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